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HATCHERY CREEK PERSONAL USE FISHERY CLOSURE

Petersburg... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the closure of the Hatchery Creek Personal Use Fishery effective **11:59 p.m., Sunday, June 23, 2013**, for the remainder of the season.

Recent aerial surveys, on the ground observations, and weir counts indicate that the numbers of sockeye returning to Hatchery Creek appear to be below numbers sufficient to sustain future returns and allow for additional personal use harvest. In addition, the returns have been steadily declining to Hatchery Creek over the past decade with extremely low returns in 2008 and 2009. In order to insure that sufficient numbers of sockeye are able to reach spawning grounds in the Hatchery Creek watershed, ADF&G is closing Hatchery Creek, Sweetwater Lake, and Barnes Lake to Personal Use fishing. Fish and Game will continue to monitor the return through aerial surveys, on the ground observations, and the fish weir operated by the USFS.

As a point of clarification, there are no State of Alaska personal use or subsistence fisheries for coho, pink, or chum salmon at Hatchery Creek, Logjam Creek, Sweetwater Lake, or Barnes Lake.

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